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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear General:

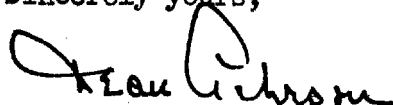
The President has sent to you a copy of his letter of December 28 to me requesting a review of and recommendations as to adjustments in certain U.S. policies and programs with respect to our international economic activities.

As indicated in the President's letter, this work will require the cooperative efforts of several agencies of the government. To that end, it would be very helpful to us if you would designate one of your senior officers to be available for consultation in this field. We have designated Mr. Henry R. Labouisse as the officer in this Department responsible for carrying forward this work.

Because of the possible implications of this review, I believe it is of the utmost importance to our relations with other countries that the fact that the review is being made be closely guarded from the security viewpoint. Accordingly I have given instructions to that end within the State Department and hope that you will find it desirable to give similar instructions within your Agency.

In light of the President's request and pending the development and submission of recommendations to him, I would urge that any changes in current policies and programs which are directly under review be held in abeyance unless there is a clear and urgent necessity for adjustments before the end of January.

Sincerely yours,



Lieutenant General Walter B. Smith, U.S.A.,  
Director,  
Central Intelligence Agency.

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